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Cromwell Advertisements

BELFAST STORE,
CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

WINES, SPIRITS, GROCERIES, HARD-
WARE, COLONIAL PRODUCE,
&c. &c. &c.

JAMES HAZLETT

Begs to inform the Public of the Dunstan Dis-
trict that, in connection with his established
business of ten years at Clyde, he has opened
EXTENSIVE PREMISES AT CROMWELL,
where he will be able to supply the Trade, Run-
holders, Farmers, and Private Families, with
EVERY CLASS OF GOODS, of the very best
description, at the lowest current rates.

JAMES HAZLETT would particularly mention
that in the **FLOUR & COLONIAL PRODUCE**
BUSINESS he can defy competition, as in that
line he is in connection with Messrs WHITTING-
HAM BROTHERS, of Queenstown, who are the
largest buyers in the Lake District.

J. HAZLETT, being a **CASH BUYER** in the
Dunedin and Melbourne Markets, feels confident
he can sell the cheapest and best article in the
District, and invites a visit from Purchasers.

Note the address:

JAMES HAZLETT,
CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

KARL PRETSCH,

COACH & GENERAL PAINTER,
etc.,
Has now **PAPERHANGINGS, PAINTS** of
every description, **GLASS, and MOULDINGS,**
on Sale at Low Prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting,
Decoration, and Sign Writing.
Buggies and Vehicles of every description
painted in the best style.

Colours Prepared in any Shade required

Address: Next door but one to **MARSH'S**
BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

THOMAS FOOTE,

TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,
MELMORE TERRACE,
CROMWELL.

Ladies' Riding Habits made to order.

BEFORE purchasing your **WATCHES,**
CLOCKS, and JEWELLERY, call on
E. MURRELL,
and inspect his **CHOICE STOCK** of the above
articles.

As all his **Watches and Clocks** are **TAKEN TO**
PIECES, CLEANED, and ADJUSTED before they are
delivered, Customers may depend on getting an
article that will give satisfaction.

All kinds of **WATCHES, CLOCKS, and**
MUSICAL BOXES cleaned
and repaired.

Jewellery made and repaired.—Pipes mounted.

Observe the address:

NEXT MARSH'S BRIDGE HOTEL.

D. MacKELLAR,

ACCOUNTANT and

GENERAL AGENT.

Manager of { Star of the East Quartz Mining
Company, Registered;
Colleen Bawn Quartz Mining Com-
pany, Registered;
Kawarau Bridge Company (Messrs
McCormick, Grant, & Richards).

AGENT for { The Norwich Union Fire Insurance
Company.

Office: *Melmore-street, Cromwell.*

Mechanical Drawings furnished.—Specifications
prepared

Cromwell Advertisements

JAMES SLOAN,
FARRIER AND BLACKSMITH.

JAMES SLOAN desires to announce to
the inhabitants of Cromwell and the District
that he has purchased the business lately carried
on by Messrs BUCHAN BROTHERS as Farriers and
Blacksmiths. His long practical experience in
all branches of the business, combined with
moderate charges, will, he trusts, secure him a
fair share of public patronage.

SLOAN'S
VETERINARY AND SHOEING FORGE,
CROMWELL.

STARKEY'S
KAWARAU HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

Having purchased the above well-known hotel,
G. M. STARKEY begs to inform his numerous
friends, and the public generally, that it will
be his study to maintain the high reputation the
KAWARAU HOTEL has long since acquired for
comfort.

One of Alcock's prize Billiard Tables (quite new.)

Wines and Spirits of the very best quality.

An efficient Groom always in attendance.

J. B. LAKE,

SURGEON AND PHYSICIAN,

May be consulted at his Residence,

WEST END OF MELMORE-STREET,

(Premises lately occupied by Mr Goodger).

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,
SHAREBROKER, COMMISSION
AGENT,
ARBITRATOR, AND ACCOUNTANT,
CROMWELL.

Having arranged to devote my time exclusively
to these occupations, business entrusted to
my care will receive every attention.

Agent for the New Zealand Fire Insurance
Company.



CROMWELL BUTCHERY
(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL),

OWEN PIERCE - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Meat of all descriptions always on
hand, and sold at the Lowest Prices.



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams,
Bacon, &c., always on hand.

*.*Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout
the district.

BEEF, BY THE QUARTER, 3½d per lb.

F. SANSON, SADDLER
AND
HARNESS-MAKER,

Begs to inform the public that he is carrying on
business at the Premises lately occupied by Mr
Raven, in Cromwell, and trusts, by strict atten-
tion and moderate charges, to merit the public
patronage.

Collars, Pack-saddles, and Harness of every
description made on the premises.

Repairs done on the shortest notice.

Cromwell Advertisement

I. HALLENSTEIN and Co.,
GENERAL IMPORTERS,

CROMWELL, QUEENSTOWN, ARROWTOWN, & MELBOURNE.

WE have much pleasure in calling the attention of the inhabitants generally to
our Large Stock, as enumerated in this advertisement. It does not detail all the articles
we keep, for to do so would be almost impossible. We have endeavoured to enumerate all the
principal articles of each class; but every want necessary in a Mining, Agricultural, and Pastoral
community can be supplied.

All our purchases being for cash, we thus possess an advantage that few are able to avail
themselves of.

We therefore respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage hitherto bestowed, with the
conviction that all orders entrusted to our care will be promptly executed, and the articles found
to be of good value.

Drapery.—The attention of Ladies is respectfully directed to this Department. It will be
found replete with all the latest novelties from the Melbourne markets, and arrangements
have been made for regular shipments per each steamer.

Dresses, in silks, fancy and black; alpacas, challies, mohairs, winceys, muslins, prints, coburges
Shawls, all-wool plaids, French merinos, skirtings, jackets, &c.
Hosiery, gloves, handkerchiefs, laces, trimmings of all kinds
Ladies' and Children's Underclothing.—Our stock will be found the largest and best-assorted
on the Gold-fields

Ladies' and Children's Hats, trimmed and untrimmed

Feathers, flowers, corsets, chignons, &c.

A large assortment of white and coloured flannels, serge and cricketing; calicoes and sheet-
ings; and every other article required in the trade.

Slop Department.—Men's Suits, Paget and sac; boys' ditto, Leopold, Stanley, sac, and
knickerbocker; Trousers and vests, all kinds

Trousers, in silk mixture, doeskin, tweed, cotton, Bedford cord, and moleskin

Shirts—white dress, regatta, Crimean, serge, Scotch twill, tweed, and jain

Pants and under-shirts, in flannel, lambswool, serge, merino, and cotton

Men's and boys' Hosiery, of all kinds

Hats—straw, merino, tweed, silk-stitched, felt, and plush, in all the latest shapes

Waterproof coats, overalls, leggings and sou'-westers; monkey jackets and pilot coats

All the above Goods are to our special order.

Boots and Shoes.—A splendid assortment, consisting of:

Ladies', girls', and children's boots, in kid, cashmere, morocco, and leather

Slippers—canvas, patent leather (plain and fur-trimmed), sheepskin, and carpet

Men's and boys' boots—elastic-side, Balmoral, Blucher, Wellington, half-Wellington, and

riding boots; Colonial water-tights, made to our order in Melbourne

Gum boots—Hayward's North British and Liverpool; Hardy's nogguts.

Groceries and Provisions.—Teas, coffees, sugars, candles, soaps, raisins, salmon, &c. &c.

Wines and Spirits.—Brandy, rum, whisky, gin; port, sherry; light wines; bitters.

Ironmongery, Mining Tools, and Agricultural Implements.—Anvils, axes, augers, adzes,
bushings, bells, bags, blacking, brushes (all kinds), baking-dishes, billies, braces and bits,
black-lead, bellows, boilers, bedsteads, bolts, blocks, candlesticks, chains (various), can-
dle-moulds, colanders, compasses, chisels, coal-scuttles, scoop and vase; corkscrews, cof-
fin furniture, cash-boxes, door-scrappers, drippers, egg-whisks, slice and cups; fuse, fry-
ing-pans, funnels, files, fenders and fire-irons, fish-hooks, gimblets, grindstones, graters,
glue, gridirons, gold-blowers, dishes and sieves, grates, galls, gaus, glue-pots, hammers
(all kinds), hoes, jelly-moulds, knives, a large assortment; knives and forks, knife-boards,
kettles, lanterns, locks, ladles, milk dishes, cans, strainers, sieves, and yokes; measuring
tapes, mops, mallets, nails of every kind, pitch, picks, pumps, powder, pincers, piping,
ploughs, quoits, quicksilver, rules, rope, resin, rivets, rasps, rakes, ship scrapers, sickles
and bats, sloop-pails, saws of all kinds, sieves, seaming twine, sponges, scoops, sheep-
shears, saucepans, shovels and spades, spirit-levels, soldering-irons, solder, spokeshaves,
shot, steel-yards, scales, screws, staples, stewpans, teapots, trowels, tar, tacks, tubs, tue-
irons, vices, waiters, washing boards and powder, window furniture of all kinds, writing
cases, zinc, &c., &c.

Timber and Building Materials.—Shelving, 12 and 14 inches wide; T. and G. Lumber
T. and G. Scotch Flooring, 1, 1½, 1, 1½ inch; beaded and plain match lining

Quartering, American hardwood, 3 x 1, 3 x 1½, 3 x 2, 4 x 3, 4 x 6; mouldings, various sizes

Galvanised and painted iron, all sizes; rolled zinc, spouting, brackets, down-piping heads

Screws, nails, locks, hinges, and bolts; doors, glass, raised panel, and plain sashes, all sizes.

Paints, Paperhangings, Oils.—Paints of all kinds; white and red lead; black, green,
blue, umbre, ochre, &c.; Oils—raw, boiled, gelca, olive, turpentine, &c.; oak and copal
varnish, asphaltum, oak-stain, knotting

Paperhangings.—A large assortment of drawing-room, sitting-room, bed-room, hall, passage,
and ceiling, various; borderings, all kinds.

Tinware of every description, a large assortment, all kinds.

Kitchen Utensils.—Stoves, boilers, saucepans, kettles, &c.

Crockery.—A large and well-assorted department.

Lamps, Glassware, Kerosene, Lampware.—large assortment.

Furniture, Bedding, &c.—Bedsteads: an assortment of French and stump double, single,
and children's bedsteads and cots

Chairs: Ladies, Florence, Lincoln, Pillmore, dining, American wood, spring hair, rocking;
easy-chairs, in hair, cane, and wood

Commodities, chiffoniers, children's high and low chairs, cane and wood; chests of drawers

Tables: round and square, dining, loo, and dressing, various

Washstands, in cedar and walnut; towel-horses, mahogany, cedar, turned and plain

Sofas, a large assortment, colonial made, with or without backs, pillows, and cushions

Mattresses: feather, hair, flock, fibre, any size; pillows and bolsters, do. do. do.

Leather.—Crop, kip, calf, kangaroo, &c., from the Tannery of Michaelis, Hallenstein, and Co

Grindery.—A large assortment.

Tobacco and Cigars.—Being direct importers of these goods, buyers can always depend on
getting a first-class article.

Tobacco: fancy and aromatic, silver seal, Atlantic cable, old sport, navy, fives, sixes, tens,
imperial ruby, gold bar; dark aromatic—tens, bashful lover, little sunshade, monster;
Barrett's twist and cut tobaccos; snuff

Cigars: Trabucco, Havana, Princess, and Swiss.

Stationery and Books.—Account-books, all sizes and bindings; minute-books, bill-files,
blotting-paper, memo. books, copying letter-books, copy and exercise books, data-cases,
envelopes, all kinds and sizes; elastic bands, foolscap (plain and ruled), gum mucilage,
ink of all kinds; inkstands, a large variety; letter balances, clips, and files; pass-books

Note and letter paper, white, blue, and mourning; pens of all kinds, pencils, playing-cards,
pocket-books, purses, slates, albums, rulers, sealing-wax, tissue-paper, all colours; desks

Books: an assortment of family and pocket Bibles, church services, and prayer-books

Poetical Works of Byron, Moore, Scott, Burns, Milton, Cowper, Cook, Campbell, Longfellow

Gift books; dictionaries—French, Latin, German, and English; geographicals, arithmetics.

Fancy Goods.—A large, choice, and varied assortment.

Patent Medicines.—Large assortment; also, a variety of Horse Medicines.

Perfumery.—"from every flower that breathes a fragrance."

Saddlery.—This department will be found very complete, as all goods are manufactured ex-
pressly for us by Alston, of Melbourne.

Bridles, with or without bits; a large assortment of ladies' and gentlemen's, double and
single rein, Pelham and snaffle; all prices.

Curry-combs and brushes of all kinds; halters; hobbles, various.

Saddles, ladies' and gentlemen's; domy, stock, green hide, and all over 'hogskin; various prices.

Saddle-cloths, kersey, felt; saddle-girths, leather, web; saddle straps, spurs of all kinds;

valises, martingales and breastplates, various; stirrup leathers, ladies' slippers and stir-
rup leathers, cruppers, bits, burnisters, headstalls, ladies' worked saddle-cloths.

Spring cart harness complete, dray harness complete, leading sets complete.

Pack saddles, straps, needles, buckles, hemp knives.

Whips, a large variety; jockey whips, silver mounted, green hide; Ladies' twigs, various

kinds; buggy whips, cart whips, all sizes; stockwhips and handles, thongs of all kinds,

Produce.—Agents for Robertson and Hallenstein, Brunswick Flour Mills, Lake Wakatipu—
We have for sale their silk-dressed Flour, (equal to Adelaide); pollard, bran, oats,
wheat, barley, chaff. Garden seeds in great variety.

Sundries.—Tents, tarpaulins, Mailla rope, hose canvas, horse-covers, wheelbarrows, horse
directors brushware, camp and colonial ovens, candles, lime, &c. &c. &c.

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VICTORIA STORE, CROMWELL.

I. WRIGHT,
DRAPER, CLOTHIER, HOSIER,
HABERDASHER, AND
GENERAL STOREKEEPER.

I. WRIGHT is now offering an assortment of
NEW and CHEAP GOODS, in
DRESS MATERIALS—Prints, Winceys, Alpacos,
all-wool Plaids, French Merinos, &c.
Calicoes, Flannels, Blankets, Quilts
Toilet Covers, Matting and Druggeting
Ladies and Children's Underclothing

BABY LINEN.

Also, a well-selected stock of
Women and Children's Boots and Shoes, in
leather, kid, and cashmere
Ladies and Children's Hats, trimmed and un-
trimmed
Ironmongery, Glass, Crockery
Patent Medicines, Fancy Goods
Toys, Jewellery, Cutlery, Stationery
Perfumery, Musical Instruments
Berlin and other Wools
Paperhangings, Brushware
Tobacco and Cigars
and other Goods too numerous to mention.

NEWSAGENT.



DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,
WHOLESALE
AND
RETAIL
FAMILY GROCERS,
AND
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

D. A. JOLLY & CO. desire to return thanks
to the people of Cromwell and the surrounding
districts for the liberal encouragement they have
received since opening the above establishment ;
and as they intend devoting their attention exclu-
sively to the Grocery and Wine and Spirit trade,
they confidently hope, from their connection in
Dunedin, to be able to place before the pub-
lic a genuine class of goods, well and carefully
selected, at prices that cannot fail to give general
satisfaction. They would respectfully invite at-
tention more especially to the following articles
in stock :—

Teas of excellent flavor, in chests, half-chests,
and boxes
Coffees not to be surpassed in quality
Cocoa and Chocolate of the best brands
Sugar—crystals and crushed loaf
Raisins—Muscatel, Sultan, and Eleme
Jams, Jellies, Pickles, and Sauces
Bacon, Cheese, and Butter of prime quality
Tobacco—Imperial Ruby Twist, Barrett's
Twist, Old Sport, and Aromatic
Oils—Salad, Castor, and Kerosene
Candles of the best brands
Soaps—Blue Mottled, Yellow, and Scented in
bars and cakes, &c., &c.

GRAIN.

Wakatip Oats, Wheat, and Chaff

SPIRITS.

Islay Whisky—Arbegg's and Long Jones'
Hennessey's and Martell's Brandy, in bulk
and case
J.D.K.Z. Geneva
Burnett's Old Tom
Lemon Hart's Rum in bulk
Porter—Blood's, Byass's, and Guinness's
CORDIALS.
Ginger Wine, Raspberry Vinegar, Peppermint,
Lemon Syrup, &c., &c.
Dr Townsend's Sarsaparilla

Families waited on for orders, and goods deliv-
ered in all parts of the district at Cromwell
prices.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,
HAVING RECEIVED A NEW AND SELECT
ASSORTMENT OF
IRONMONGERY

Beg to call public attention to the following :—

Blasting
Powder and
Fuse ; Long and
Short handle Shovels ;
Picks, Pick Handles, and
Sluice Forks ; Pannikins, Gold
Dishes, Billies ; Galvanised Iron
Buckets ; American Tubs, Buckets, and
Brooms ; Axes and Handles ; Manila Rope
for mining purposes ; Drilling Hammers and
Handles ; White Lead ; Castor Oil in bulk ;
Washing-boards ; Brushware of every
description ; Nails ; Canvas ; Hose
Pipes.—Contracts undertaken
for supplying Mining Co.'s
with Material of all
kinds, on liberal
terms. Free
delivery

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.'s
DEPOT FOR MINING TOOLS,
CROMWELL.

Cromwell

SHAMROCK STORE,
CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SHANLY,
FAMILY GROCER,
GENERAL STOREKEEPER,
is carrying on business at the old-established
premises, next to the Bank of New South Wales,
Melmore-street.

The BEST QUALITY of GOODS only
is kept in stock.

All orders will meet with prompt attention.

PRIVATE SCHOOL, CROMWELL.

MRS RHIND,
(Late Resident Governess at the Girls' Provincial
High School),
Will be prepared, on and after MONDAY, 14th
instant, to receive DAY SCHOLARS at her
Residence, near Cromwell Bridge.

The course of instruction will comprise all the
ordinary branches ; the Languages, ancient and
modern, if desired ; Music and Singing ; Plain
and Fancy Needlework, &c.

A YOUNG LADIES' EVENING CLASS
Will be formed for teaching Fancywork, Sewing,
and other useful accomplishments.
Terms may be ascertained on application.

CROMWELL TIMBER & IRON YARD,
LATE MR GRANT'S
NEW ZEALAND & AMERICAN TIMBER YARD.

JAMES TAYLOR,
Carpenter and Builder, Ironmonger,



Has FOR SALE all kinds of Building Material
suitable for the district.

Estimates given for Buildings at the LOWEST
PRICES compatible with Good Material and
Workmanship.

Punctuality and attention to all orders may
be relied on.

A Large Assortment of Paperhangings
Paints, Glass, FURNITURE—comprising Chairs
Tables, Washstands, Iron Bedsteads, &c.

Building Ironmongery, Carpenters' and Miners'
Tools, Hemp, Wire, and Manila Rope,
SADDLERY, &c., cheap.

JUNCTION BAKERY
CROMWELL.

C. W. WRIGHT,
BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER.

Bread Delivered in all Parts of the
District.



THE CROMWELL BAKERY,

J. SCOTT,
BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,
Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread
regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

JOHN MARSH.

"VALUE FOR MONEY."

BRIDGE HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

MIDWIFERY.—Mrs C. THOMSON,
late of Aberdeen and Dunedin, begs to
give notice that, having arrived in Cromwell,
she is prepared to practise in the above profes-
sion. Mrs Thomson has a diploma from Aber-
deen, and has had an EXPERIENCE OF NINETEEN
YEARS.

Residence, at Mr JOHN HAYES', West End,
Cromwell.

Cromwell

Cromwell Veterinary Shoeing Forge,
Next door to Kidd's Cromwell Hotel.

EDWARD LINDSAY,
(Late of Clyde and Melbourne),
GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, AND
MACHINIST,

Begs to intimate to his customers and the gene-
ral public that he has REMOVED to his NEW
PREMISES, next to the Cromwell Hotel, Mel-
more Terrace, where he will carry on every de-
scription of Blacksmith work and Farriery as
heretofore.

E. LINDSAY begs to intimate to the Public
generally that he has gone to the expense of get-
ting a CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS on a new
principle, being the first introduced up-country,
which he will guarantee to give general satisfac-
tion ; also, that he has made a reduction in the
price of Horse-shoeing.

LIGHT SHOES . . . 12s.
DRAUGHT " . . . 17s.

EDWARD LINDSAY,
Veterinary Shoeing Forge.

J. C. CHAPPLE,
AUCTIONEER.

Any orders for Sales in the Cromwell District
may be left at the ARGUS Office, and will meet
with prompt attention.

CROMWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Reading-room is open to Subscribers on
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

The Library contains an extensive variety of
Books in every department of literature ; and
about £40 worth of New Works is expected to
arrive shortly from Great Britain.

All the Provincial Newspapers, and a number
of English Papers and Periodicals, are regularly
received for the use of Subscribers.

Annual Subscription, £1 1s ; Half-Yearly
12s 6d ; Quarterly, 7s 6d.

MR H. W. SMYTHIES,
MINING SURVEYOR AND AGENT.

Legal Managership & REGISTRATION
of Companies undertaken.

Office : Town Hall, Cromwell.

NOTICE.

POISON for DOGS will be laid on
MOUNT PISA STATION on and after this
date.

I. LOUGHNAN.

Mount Pisa, 12th May 1870.—27tc

GROCERIES, WINES & SPIRITS,
IRONMONGERY &
BUILDING MATERIALS,
DRAPERY, CLOTHING, BOOTS,
&c. &c.

Our Melbourne firm, Messrs MICHAELIS, HAL-
LENSTEIN and Co., having recently opened a
place of business in London, we have made ar-
rangements with them to import most of our
goods direct from Home, and are now in a po-
sition to supply this market with all goods bearing
a profit on first cost only, thus saving the profit
hitherto paid to importers.

STOREKEEPERS & WHOLESALE AND
RETAIL BUYERS

will therefore be able to purchase cheaper from
us than in Dunedin or elsewhere, besides having
the advantage of being able to select their goods
on the spot from one of the largest stocks on the
gold-fields, (for particulars of which see our ge-
neral advertisement.)

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.

Cromwell, March 1873.

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, beg to inform the
inhabitants of the Cromwell, Alexandra,
and Clyde districts that we have appointed

I. Hallenstein and Co., Cromwell,

As our only AGENTS for the sale of our Silk-
dressed

FLOUR, BRAN, AND POLLARD.

We guarantee all Flour branded with our
name, and obtained through the above agents.

ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN,
Brunswick Flour Mills,
LAKE WAKATIP.

Kawarau Gorge.

SLUICERS' ARMS HOTEL,
KAWARAU GORGE.

The Proprietor of the above old-established
hotel begs to acquaint his friends and the public
that he can now offer comfortable accommoda-
tion to all classes of customers.



The attention of Owners and Trainers is called
to the fact that the STABLES attached to the
SLUICERS' ARMS contain Eight Large LOOSE-
BOXES, thus affording unrivalled accommoda-
tion for RACEHORSES. The Stables being
situated within a short distance of the Cromwell
Race-course, those intending to enter horses for
the forthcoming Races should make early appli-
cation to the Proprietor. Terms reasonable.

ANDERS OLSON.

Bannockburn & Carrick Range

STUART'S FERRY,
KAWARAU RIVER.

Main crossing-place between Cromwell and
the Nevis for Waggon, Drays, Horses, and
Foot passengers.

Children attending School, Free.

THE FERRY HOTEL

Has first-class accommodation for Travellers.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSE-
HOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions
kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from
Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POS-
SIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

BANNOCKBURN TIMBER YARD
AND CARPENTER'S SHOP.

JAMES TAYLOR,
CROMWELL TIMBER AND IRON YARD,
BEGS to inform the Residents of BANNOCKBURN,
NEVIS, POTTERS, &c., that in order to meet the
increasing requirements of those districts, he
has opened a Branch Establishment at Doctor's
Flat, opposite Mr Richards' Store.

A good supply of TIMBER and IRON for
Building and Mining purposes always on hand.

Best Material and Workmanship Cheap for Cash.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND & CO.,
(Late of Logantown),

GENERAL BLACKSMITHS & FARRIERS,

Beg to intimate to Mining Companies and the
public generally that they have removed to
QUARTZVILLE, next to HAZLETT'S Carrick
Range Hotel, where they hope, by strict atten-
tion to business and reasonable charges, to merit
a share of their patronage.

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
QUARTZVILLE.

CHARLES PEAKE,
Proprietor.

The Proprietor, having recently purchased the
above well-known and centrally-situated Hotel,
is now in a position to offer first-class accommo-
dation to all who may favour him with their
patronage.

The Premises are fitted up and furnished on
the most complete scale, and the arrangements
for the comfort of visitors and travellers are
second to none in the district.

COMMUNICIOUS BILLIARD ROOM,
fitted with one of Julius Paser's full-sized tables.

AN EXCELLENT SIX-STALLED STABLE,
with careful groom always in attendance.

183 CHARLES PEAKE.

PRINTING
THE ART PRESERVATIVE OF ALL ARTS.

CROMWELL ARGUS

General Printing Office,

MELMORE TERRACE.

MATTHEWS & MACKELLAR,

MERCANTILE AND DECORATIVE
PRINTERS,
EXECUTE ORDERS FOR
PRINTING
OF EVERY KIND
In the most modern styles of the Art.

BOOK AND PAMPHLET WORK,
Unsurpassed in the Colony.

PLAIN, ENAMELLED, **CARDS** COLOURED, EMBOSSED,
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CROMWELL JOCKEY CLUB
SPRING MEETING.

TO BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1873.

STEWARDS.
Mr JAMES COWAN Mr I. LOUGHNAN
Mr G. M. STARKEY Mr D. A. JOLLY
Mr JAMES TAYLOR Mr JOHN MARSH.

HANDICAPPER.—Mr J. WRIGHTSON.
JUDGE.—Mr J. B. LAKE.
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MAIDEN PLATE: 10 sovs. Open to all horses that have never won an advertised prize (hack or otherwise). Weight for age. Distance, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Entrance, 15s.

SPRING HANDICAP: 25 sovs., with sweep of one sov., to go to second horse. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile and a half. Nominations (with qualifications, 21s.) to be sent in to the Secretary not later than 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday, 29th September. Weights to be declared in CROMWELL ARGUS of 30th.

SELLING RACE: 15 sovs. Open to all horses. The winner to be sold for £15, and any surplus to go to the Race Fund. No weight under 10st. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile heats. Entrance (post) 20s.

HANDICAP TROTTING RACE: 5 sovs. Distance, two miles. No weight under 10st. Entrance (post) 10s.

HACK RACE: 10 sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised prize of over £15. Distance, one mile. No weight under 10st. Entrance (post) 15s.

RULES.
No entry will be received for any of the above races except upon this condition: that all disputes, claims, and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by the Stewards, or those whom they may appoint. Their decisions upon all points connected with the carrying out of this programme shall be final.

Entrances for the Maiden Plate will be received by the Secretary on or before 8 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 2nd October, when acceptances (with sweep) for Spring Handicap must also be paid as stated above.

No person will be allowed to enter a horse for the Spring Handicap unless a subscriber of at least one guinea to the Race Fund.

The rules of the Dunstan Jockey Club will be strictly enforced.

WILLIAM MACNAB,
Secretary.

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Bad Legs, Ulcerate Sores, Bad Breasts, and Old Wounds.

No description of wound, sore, or ulcer can resist the healing properties of this excellent Ointment. The worst cases readily assume a healthy appearance whenever this medicament is applied; a sound flesh springs up from the bottom of the wound, inflammation of the surrounding skin is arrested, and a complete and permanent cure quickly follows the use of the Ointment.

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These distressing and weakening diseases may with certainty be cured by the sufferers themselves, if they will use Holloway's Ointment, and closely attend to the printed instructions. It should be well rubbed upon the neighbouring parts, when all obnoxious matter will be removed. A poultice of bread and water may sometimes be applied at bed-time with advantage; the most scrupulous cleanliness must be observed. If those who read this paragraph will bring it under the notice of such of their acquaintance whom it may concern, they will render a service which will never be forgotten, as a cure is certain.

Rheumatism, Gout, and Neuralgia.

Nothing has the power of reducing inflammation and subduing pain in these complaints in the same degree as Holloway's cooling Ointment and purifying Pills. When used simultaneously, they drive all inflammation and depravities from the system, subdue and remove all enlargement of the joints, and leave the sinews and muscles lax and uncontracted. A cure may always be effected even under the worst circumstances, if the use of these medicines be persevered in.

Eruptions, Scald Head, Ringworm, and other Skin Diseases.

After fomentation with warm water, the utmost relief and speediest cure can be readily obtained of all complaints affecting the skin and joints, by the simultaneous use of the Ointment and Pills. But it must be remembered that almost all skin diseases indicate depravity of the blood and derangement of the liver and stomach; consequently, in many cases, time is required to purify the blood, which will be effected by a judicious use of the Pills. The general health will readily be improved, although the eruption may be driven out more freely than before; and this should be promoted. Perseverance is necessary.

Sore Throats, Diphtheria, Quinsy, Mumps, and all other Derangements of the Throat.

On the appearance of any of these maladies, the Ointment should be well rubbed, at least thrice a day, upon the neck and upper part of the chest, so as to penetrate to the glands, as salt is forced into meat. This course will at once remove inflammation and ulceration. The worst cases will yield to this treatment if the printed directions be followed.

Scrofula, or King's Evil, and Swelling of the Glands.

This class of cases may be cured by Holloway's purifying Pills and Ointment, as their double action of purifying the blood and strengthening the system renders them more suitable than any other remedy for all complaints of a scrofulous nature. As the blood is impure, the liver, stomach, and bowels, being much deranged, require purifying medicine to bring about a cure.

Both Ointment and Pills should be used in the following Disorders:

Bad Legs	Scalds
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FOR SALE or TO LET.—That valuable property on Section 1, Block XIII, ately occupied by Mr W. GRANT, Timber Merchant.

This property is excellently situated for either Store or Hotel purposes.

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For further particulars, apply to
JOHN TOWAN,
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NOTICE.

OBJECTIONS having been lodged to the application of Messrs Howell, Loughnan, and Co. for an Agricultural Lease of land on Run 245, **WEDNESDAY**, the 17th September current, is appointed as the day for the hearing and disposal of said objections and application, at Clyde.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON.

NATURE OF OBJECTIONS:

That the ground is required for mining purposes.

CROMWELL JOCKEY CLUB.
27th DECEMBER, 1873.

"THE CROMWELL DERBY."

A sweepstake of £4 4s., h. ft., with £40 added. (For Otago and Southland bred horses only.) Second horse to receive 20 % of the stakes. Entrance, £2 2s., on nomination, and balance of sweep, £2 2s., to be paid on night of General Entry. For 3-year old Colts, 8st. 10lb.; Fillies, 8st. 5lb. Distance, a mile and a half. Nominations to be sent in to the Secretary on or before 17th October, 1873.

WILLIAM MACNAB,
Secretary.

SWAN BREWERY,
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GOODGER AND KUHTZE,
Proprietors.

GOODGER AND KUHTZE are now prepared to supply their unrivalled **XXXX ALES** in any quantity.

Orders left with Mr G. W. GOODGER, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

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GOODGER AND KUHTZE will be purchasers during the forthcoming season of any quantity of **GOOD MALTING BARLEY**.

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CARDRONA.

Notice is hereby given that the Prospectus of **THE CARDRONA VALLEY GREAT EXTENDED GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED**,

will be issued at an early date, as the Deed of Grant is recommended in favour of Messrs **MACKIN and BOND**.

Cardrona, 13/8/73.

CARRON TIMBER YARD,

CAMP-STREET ... QUEENSTOWN,
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A. BOYNE,
begs most respectfully to announce to the inhabitants of Cromwell and surrounding districts that, having made arrangements for a constant supply of Southland Building Timber (red and white pine and totara, thoroughly seasoned), he is prepared to retail the same at the following very low scale of prices:—

Feather-edged weather-boards, 20s per hundred feet
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Oils, Paints, Varnish, &c.

All orders punctually attended to.

SALE BY AUCTION.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18,
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AT BRIDGE HOTEL YARD, CROMWELL.

Messrs **EAMES & STANBROOK** will sell at the above place on the date mentioned, the following:—

1 set spring cart harness
1 set single buggy harness
1 Mare, with saddle and bridle
1½ cwt Goodenough Horse Shoes
4 scythes; 2 snedls
2 cases Batger's marmalade
Blacksmith's anvil, bellows, tongs, hammers, and
A quantity of iron
3 bags of smithy coals; also
1 buggy
1 spring cart
Harness (buggy and spring cart)
Saddles, etc.

CROMWELL JOCKEY CLUB.

Messrs **EAMES & STANBROOK** Will sell by public auction at the TOWN-HALL at 2 o'clock on **THURSDAY**, 18th inst., the exclusive **PRIVILEGES** for the Cromwell Spring Meeting.

WILLIAM MACNAB,
Secretary.

NOTICE OF ROAD DEVIATION.

Intimation is hereby made that it is the intention of the Government to deviate the present track and surveyed road-line leading from Lowburn to Kawarau Gorge across the Cromwell Racecourse Reserve, (section 17, block III., Cromwell district,) commencing at the point where the road cuts the South-East survey boundary-line of said Reserve; and to carry the road along the said South-East survey boundary-line of said Reserve to its South end, and hence in a South-Westerly direction to Kawarau Gorge. It is therefore notified that from and after the 1st October next, that portion of the track and surveyed line of road leading from Lowburn to Kawarau Gorge which crosses section 17, block III., (Cromwell district,) of Racecourse Reserve, will be closed.

By order of the Secretary for Gold-fields.
Sept. 6, 1873.

TENDERS WANTED, on or before the 18th inst., for the **ERECTION** and **MATERIAL** of an **IRON BUILDING**, 18 x 18.

For particulars, apply to
COSSAR & BENNETT,
Quartzville.
September 8, 1873.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.—I hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Waste Land Board in Dunedin to purchase Section 1, Wakefield District, held by me under Agricultural Lease No. 559A, containing 50 acres; and said application will come on for hearing before said Board on or about the 9th October next.

(Signed) **JOHN MARSH**.

Any objections to the above application must be lodged at the Warden's Office, Cromwell, on or before **FRIDAY**, the 3rd day of October next.
W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,
District Officer.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Under Section 1, Regulation IV.

Whereas I have received sufficient proof that the portion of the Otago Gold-field described in the schedule hereto, is for the whole or greater part of an inferior character as regards the value of its alluvial gold deposits: Now, therefore, I hereby give notice that the alluvial ground within the same may be occupied by holders of miner's rights in claims of the undermentioned size, viz., one acre for each holder of a miner's right, provided that no block claim shall comprise more than six acres.

Given under my hand at Clyde this 19th day of September, 1873.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,
Warden.

SCHEDULE.

All that portion of the Otago Gold-field known as the Dunstan District or Gold-field, with the exception of that portion thereof situated to the West and North of an imaginary line from Boundary Creek along the top of the Range forming the eastern boundary of the Cardrona Valley to Crofted Peak, hence to Mount Baker, hence across the Clutha to Grand View Mount, and hence to the Lindis Pass.

NOTICE.—From and after the 1st October, the Warden and Resident Magistrate for Dunstan District will hold Court as follows at the different places under his charge, during 1873:—

At **CLYDE** every **THURSDAY**.

At **CROMWELL** every **FRIDAY**.

At **ALEXANDRIA**, on **MONDAY**, the 6th and 20th October, 3rd and 17th November, and 1st and 15th December.

At **BLACKS**, on **TUESDAY**, the 7th October, 4th November, and 2nd and 23rd December.

At **TEVIOT**, on **TUESDAY** the 21st October, 18th November, and 16th December.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,
Warden and R.M.

TENDERS WANTED.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up till **SATURDAY**, 20th inst., at 4 p.m., for the construction of 200 chains of the Bannockburn Co.'s Water Race, in sections of 50 chains each.

Mr **WILSON** will be on the ground at Adams's Gully, and will point out to persons wishing to tender, the locality through which the race is to be cut, and give all necessary particulars.

Specifications can be seen with the undersigned.
G. W. GOODGER,
Cromwell, Sept. 15, 1873.

NOTICE.

ALL parties resident in the **ARDGOUR DISTRICT** having horses on the Run are requested to furnish the Manager with their brands, and pay for the same, on or before the 20th September, otherwise they will be driven to the Pound.

A. McLEAN,
Manager, Ardgour Station.

13/9/73.

CARRICK RANGE WATER SUPPLY CO., REGISTERED.

A **MEETING OF DIRECTORS** in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, Cromwell, **TO-MORROW (Wednesday)**, evening, at 7 o'clock.

D. MACKELLAR,
Manager.

FOR SALE,
with immediate possession.

The **FOUR-ROOMED COTTAGE (STONE)**, at present occupied by Mr Matthews.

The Cottage is erected on a freehold, is excellently situated, and possesses every convenience.—For particulars, apply
ARGUS OFFICE.

MUNICIPALITY OF CROMWELL.

The office of **AUDITOR** for the Incorporated Town of Cromwell having become vacant by the resignation of Mr **CHARLES COLCLOUGH**, I hereby give notice that the **NOMINATION** of **CANDIDATES** for such office will take place in the Council Chamber at 12 noon on **THURSDAY**, the 25th day of September, 1873; and that a **POLL**, in the event of more than one candidate being nominated, will be held on **MONDAY**, 29th September following.

M. FRAER, Mayor.
Council Chamber, Cromwell,
Sept. 15, 1873.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

SERVICES will be held as follows:
September 21.—Cromwell, Morning.
September 28.—Gorge, Morning; Bannockburn, Afternoon; Cromwell, Evening.
October 5.—Cromwell, Morning; Bendigo, Afternoon.
October 12.—Gorge, Morning; Bannockburn, Afternoon; Cromwell, Evening.
The Cromwell services will be held in Kidd's Hall until further notice.

J. JONES.

NOTICE.

The Undersigned has to request that all accounts due to the late firm of **MATTHEWS & FENWICK** be settled at as early a date as possible. Mr **D. MacKellar** and Mr **S. H. Jackson** are authorised to receive moneys on his behalf.

J. A. MATTHEWS.

The Dunedin Jockey Club have resolved to have a Spring Meeting, with a programme of £2000 value. £1500, it has been decided, will be offered at the Annual Meeting in March.

The shares in the National Insurance Company applied for in Auckland now number 25,005. Over 19,000 have been applied for at Wellington. The time for receiving applications for shares is fixed to close on the 22nd inst.

CROMWELL POST OFFICE.

MAILS CLOSE.

For Quartzville, Carrickton, and Nevis, every **Sunday**, at 9 p.m.
For Clyde, Dunedin, and intervening offices, **Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday**, at 3 p.m.
For Dunedin, via Teviot, Tuapeka, and Tokomairi, every **Tuesday**, at 3 p.m.
For Kawarau Gorge, Edwards's, Gibbston, Morven Ferry, Arrowtown, Frankton, and Queenstown, every **Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday**, at 9 p.m.
For Luggate, Bendigo, Alberton, Pembroke, and Cardrona, every **Tuesday**, at 9 p.m.
For money orders and registered letters, not later than 2 p.m.

MAILS ARRIVE:

From Dunedin, Clyde, and intervening offices, **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**, at 9 a.m.
From Dunedin, via Tokomairi, Tuapeka, and Teviot, every **Friday**, at 9 a.m.
From Queenstown, Frankton, Arrowtown, Morven Ferry, Gibbston, Edwards's, and Kawarau Gorge, **Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday**, at 3 p.m.
From Nevis, Carrickton, and Quartzville, every **Tuesday**, at 3.30 p.m.
From Cardrona, Alberton, Pembroke, Luggate, and Bendigo, every **Thursday**, at 3 p.m.

Letters, newspapers, and packets will be re-directed from one post-office to another on the written instructions of the persons addressed, but on re-direction are chargeable with a new and distinct rate of postage, payable on delivery.

Cromwell Argus,

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1873.

Of all the places in the Cromwell district, or in the neighbourhood of the Cromwell district, we think it will be acknowledged by all that the people at Cardrona have least to be thankful for as far as any action of the Provincial Council is concerned. And at no time was this more forcibly exemplified than during the last session of the Council. Then, we may almost say, for the first time, although their district has been a gold-field of no small importance for the last ten years, the people of Cardrona appeared as petitioners to the Council,—only to meet with either a point-blank refusal to their just demands, or an unwilling assent, which appears practically to come to the same thing as a refusal. The Council could not be justified in thus neglecting or shelving the interests of the inhabitants of the Cardrona district in consequence of the number of their demands; for they, through their representative, made only two out of the usual routine. Nor could it be because the place is of no importance; for no sub-district which contributes somewhere between 5000 and 6000 ounces of gold to the annual escort returns,—not to say a word of its capabilities,—can be fairly described as of no importance. Why was it, then, that they met with such scant justice? We propose in some measure to shortly explain the probable reason why.

Beyond the miserable and totally inadequate sum of fifty or a hundred pounds which the Government usually expend on the road from Alberton to the Arrow, the Cardrona people asked for £240 to form a track between their township and the Roaring Meg; and they asked for a full inquiry into the dispute between the miners and a certain agricultural leaseholder in their neighbourhood, and that steps should be taken to settle that dispute. Two very reasonable requests from a district which yields the Government a revenue clear of all expenses of something like £800 a year. Respecting the first item—the track from Cardrona township to the Roaring Meg—there can be no doubt that the chief reason why that was not granted, was because a track was last year formed from Cromwell to Cardrona, over the top of the Mount Pisa Range. True, that track for four or five months in the year is totally useless; but the Council would naturally conclude that such a state of things could have been easily foreseen, and that the formation of such a track at all should have been protested against by the Cardrona people themselves. They did so protest, we understand; but only verbally to the Engineer; and verbal protests on the spur of the moment are never of much avail. By neglecting their plain duty in this matter, they left it open, of course, for the Government to assume that they acquiesced in the propriety, and approval of the Mount Pisa track; and consequently lost all standing ground on which to ask the formation of a track in another direction.

Respecting the second item, however, the arbitration case as it is called, it is not so easy to understand, far less explain, the reluctance which the Government showed in dealing with the matter during the sitting of the Council, and their total neglect of it since the Council was prorogued. Surely it cannot be deemed a desirable thing to allow this paltry case to remain for years as a bone of contention, from

which no one but the lawyers can derive any nourishment, and which has been indisputably shown has done so much to retard the advancement of the Cardrona district, both in a social and a material sense. The final recommendation of the Gold-fields Committee, which considered the case, recommended one of two courses to the Government: either to pay the award originally adjudged to the agricultural lessee, or to take steps to have the award set aside, and a fresh arbitration entered upon. The Government, through the Secretary for the Gold-fields, Mr Bastings, announced that they would take the latter alternative, as they considered the amount of the award ridiculously excessive,—a conclusion in which all sensible men who understand the case most heartily concurred. With this promise, of course, every one was satisfied; and those interested began to look forward to a speedy settlement of the difficulty,—and that more especially as the present Secretary for Gold-fields is a man who gets credit for not only doing a good deal of work for the gold-fields, but doing it promptly and well. We have waited patiently for the last few weeks, thinking surely, when the rush of business following the conclusion of the Council session is over, we should hear of the Cardrona case being settled. But although as yet there is no sign of that happy consummation, we have every confidence that the matter has not been forgotten; and that the necessity of doing something in it has only to be brought once more under the notice of the Government, to insure its speedy and final settlement. We sincerely trust that such will be the case, for we are convinced that this unfortunate dispute has tended very largely to delay the legitimate extension of the Cardrona gold field.

Before going to press we were informed that the mail due on Saturday evening had not yet reached Clyde. The rivers down-country are reported to be in flood.

We are informed on good authority that it is the intention of the Government to proceed at once with the re-construction of the road between Clyde and Cromwell. Contracts for various portions of it will probably be let by public tender on or about the beginning of next month. The District Engineer, we understand, has been busy for the last few days in work preparatory to that being done.

His Worship the Mayor has placed at our disposal a telegram received from his Honor the Superintendent, which says that the Bill empowering the Province of Otago to raise £300,000 for the Lawrence-Cromwell railway, has virtually passed the House of Representatives.

We are informed that the Dunstan Hospital Committee have finally arranged with our local Amateur Dramatic Club to have an entertainment at Clyde on the evening of the Spring Meeting (Friday, 26th inst). We suppose they will bring on the same pieces as at the entertainment given in Cromwell last Thursday week. Our Clyde friends may safely anticipate a very pleasant evening.

At the meeting of the Town Council on Thursday evening last, it was agreed to ask the Chief Postmaster to change the postal name of the town from Kawarau Junction to Cromwell. This will be a step in the right direction, as the present style has given rise to very great inconvenience in many instances. Nobody at a distance could recognise the township under the name of the Kawarau Junction, except a few who were here ten years ago, when such was its common name.

During the hearing of the cases in the Warden's Court on Thursday last, Mr Colclough applied, on behalf of the Cromwell Miners' Association, to have the application of Messrs Howell, Longman, and Co. heard at Cromwell, instead of at Clyde as advertised. Mr Colclough said there might possibly be a considerable number of witnesses to be examined, and if the hearing were at Cromwell the expense to all parties concerned would be considerably lessened. The Warden said he would be quite willing to hear the case at Cromwell, but in the meantime could not give Mr Colclough any positive assurance that such would be the case, as there were others besides himself whose convenience would have to be consulted. He recommended Mr Colclough, however, to arrange the matter with the applicant, and he did not think there would be any difficulty in adjourning the case to Cromwell.—After settling this matter, the Warden called Mr Colclough's attention to a letter which he had received from the Secretary of the Cromwell Miners' Association, asking some guarantee that the hearing of the same application above-mentioned would be postponed from the 3rd September to some future date. His Worship said that on the 27th August, a Mr Vaughan, a miner, had lodged certain objections to the application. When he saw the objections, he told Mr Vaughan that the hearing of the application would be postponed till some date of which due notice would be given in the *Cromwell Argus*. He therefore thought it rather strange after the verbal promise given to Mr Vaughan, that he should be asked by the Secretary of the Association to give a written guarantee of the postponement: it looked as if the Association did not place any dependence upon his word. It appeared the more strange because it was quite evident, if the report in the *Cromwell Argus* of the Association meeting was correct, that Mr Vaughan clearly understood him as distinctly promising an adjournment of the case. He therefore would decline to give any written guarantee. Miners coming to his Court would very soon learn that his word in any case was quite as good as his guarantee in writing.

It is currently reported, although we cannot vouch for its strict accuracy, that the price given for gold at Cardrona is £3 18s. 3d. per ounce.

Yesterday Mr McNulty finished his contract for cutting the Quartz Reef Point track, making the road complete as far as the gorge. There still remain sixty or seventy chains over which it would be desirable to form some kind of a track before it can be said that the road to Quartz Reef Point is complete. We have heard that the Engineer is quite satisfied with the way in which the work has been completed.

We received a telegram on Tuesday last, (too late for publication, however,) describing the scene when the Government tried to introduce the Gold Mining Bill, of which, for the last six months, we have heard so much. Fuller information than the telegram contained will be found elsewhere under the heading of "General Assembly." We can understand the wrath of the Dunstan District representative in this affair, and sympathise with him to a certain extent; but his conduct in the other matter affecting the various Reserves in Otago is to us altogether incomprehensible, when we remember that on the 6th of May, 1870, it was his amendment which was carried, recommending the reservation of 240,500 acres as an endowment for the establishment and maintenance of High, Grammar, and District Schools in Otago. We shall expect a little more light on this subject.

Some children on the Camp-hill had a very narrow escape on Friday afternoon last. They were playing about the face of the old workings of the Westmoreland company, on the bank of the Clutha, making mimic tunnels, and generally imitating the proceedings carried on by diggers in working their claims, when a heavy fall of top stuff took place, nearly smothering the lot of them. Two of them got scratched and bruised, but one of Mr Ritchie's boys had a very narrow escape. A large piece of stuff fell on his back, rendering him so completely helpless that it was thought his back was broken. Under Dr Corse's care, however, he is getting all right again.

At a sale lately held at the Teviot, Messrs Eames and Stanbrook report having sold a considerable quantity of feed oats at from 4s 3d to 4s 6d a bushel, seed oats fetching 4s 3d. They also disposed of a number of dairy cows at from £4 10s to £6 15s. At the same place, a lot of saddlery, several tip-drays, and other articles were also disposed of at remunerative prices.

In the report of a meeting of the Arrow Valley Progress Committee, published in the *Arrow Observer*, we notice that it was proposed by Mr R. Clarke, and carried, "That the Secretary write to Mr H. Bastings, informing that gentleman that a communication has been received by this Committee from Mr H. Lakeman, stating that the sum of £100 has been placed on the Estimate for the formation of a bridge-track from the Matatapu diggings to the Arrow; but that on looking over the Estimates, it appears that a corresponding sum (£100) has by mistake been put on to connect the Matatapu with Cromwell, and that no such sum appears on the Estimates to connect the Matatapu with the Arrow Valley Track." It is quite correct that no such sum appears on the Estimates to connect Matatapu with the Arrow Valley track, but Mr Clarke may be assured that it was not put on by mistake between Cromwell and Matatapu; and, further, that the sum can be very judiciously expended indeed on that road. Mr Clarke should attend to these matters in his seat in the Provincial Council, and he would not then require to "pinch" sums of money off other districts, under the pressure of Progress Committees. Let him try and get £100 for the Arrow-Matatapu road by all means, if he can; but let him leave other needful works alone.

We don't know whether it is in consequence of the withdrawal by Cr. Dawkins of his motion relative to the keeping of pigs within the municipality, or what is the reason, but the swinish race have held high festival ever since. They have, in fact, been making regular pigs of themselves. On Saturday they confined their festivities to the flat and upper portions of the township, but on Sunday they extended their operations to the main street, where they afforded unlimited amusement to all the youngsters on the look-out for something to break the decorum of the Sunday, and a similar amount of annoyance to all the grown-up people. A two-days' holiday, however, we should think, is quite enough even for pigs, and we trust to hear that their master intends to confine them in future strictly to the duty, of getting themselves fat and ready for the market.

A work by Mr Henry Smythies, son, has recently been issued in London, under the title, "The Education of Man: a Suggestive Dissertation on the Soul—what it is and how trained. With an appendix: Have Savages Souls?—By a Member of the New Zealand Bar." The work is published at 10s 6d. The *Home News* says there is some difficulty in believing that the author is in possession of his senses.

The largest and most destructive fire that has ever occurred in Auckland, broke out in the centre of Queen-street at 12 o'clock on Saturday night. The Fire Brigades were soon on the spot, but water being scarce their services were almost useless. The whole of the west side of Queen-street, from Victoria-street to Newmarket House at the bottom of Cook-street, is in ashes. So also is the lower half of Wellesley-street. Altogether 58 buildings are down. A large number of the buildings destroyed were uninsured. The estimated loss of the various Insurance Companies is £25,000, which is divided among the New Zealand, Norwich Union, Royal, and South British offices. The heaviest losers are in for about £4000 each. The balance is insured in the Scottish Commercial, Victoria, Northern, and Liverpool and London Companies. The total destruction of property is estimated at about £60,000. Several accidents occurred. Three firemen fell from a verandah, and one of them, named James Fuljames, was seriously hurt. A man named Charles Bowden dropped down dead in the street during the fire. Mr Williams, proprietor of the Anchor Hotel, broke a blood-vessel, and lies dangerously ill. During the fire a N.E. gale was blowing. Heavy rain commenced immediately after, and has continued since.

An Auckland paper records the following amusing circumstance:—A revised edition of a very highly civilised Maori exhibited an act of thoughtfulness on his own behalf, at St. Paul's Church, at the close of the service last evening, which it is doubtful whether a European could have equalled—he certainly could not have excelled it. After the sermon the usual collection was made toward the offertory by the churchwardens going round with the plate. Our dusky friend referred to placed in the plate by mistake half-a-crown, which he intended should have been a coin of nearly the same size, but of considerably less value—a penny token, it is presumed. Discerning his mistake, he left his seat, walked up the church aisle to where the churchwarden was making his collection, and coolly took the half-crown out of the plate, making use of these words at the same time, 'No fear cocky! Too much money.' Then the Maori walked back and took his seat with a mind at once serene and assured.

A grand pigeon match is to take place at Lawrence, on the 15th of next month, between five gentlemen from Dunedin, and five from the up-country districts. Mr S. G. Smith is forming the Dunedin party, and the well-known runner, Mr Glassford, the up-country team. Preliminary arrangements are already being made, and the surrounding districts are being scoured for the feathered tribe, who are to become victims of the friendly match, which will, no doubt, be followed by sweepstakes.—*Tuapeka Times*.

A Wellington telegram to a Dunedin paper says the Assembly will be prorogued in a fortnight, if the "Lords," are not refractory.

The following advertisement is taken from a late *Waikouaiti Herald*:—"Two young ladies, within five miles of Palmerston, want partners for the coming ball. None but good dancers need apply. Address, X. Y. L., Post Office, Palmerston."

The Wellington correspondent of the *Times* says:—"Mr O'Neill's motion in favour of a reduction of the export duty on gold by an ounce per sixpence an ounce, has, after being several times before the House, been rejected by a majority of five. Nearly all the Provincial party opposed it and so did the Government. Yesterday this question came on very shortly after Mr Vincent Pyke took his seat. Of course he was bound to speak on it, and he did so in a manner which produced a very favourable impression on the House. His eloquence, however, availed him not, for, as already stated, the motion was negatived. An amendment, that the question of reducing the duty in each Province should be left to the local legislatures, was pressed to a division by Mr O'Connor—but was lost by a large majority."

An amusing story is related of the Bishop of Lichfield (Bishop Selwyn) by the *Birmingham Post*:—"While recently walking in the Black Country, his lordship saw a number of miners seated on the ground, and went towards them to say a 'word in season.' Asking them what they were doing he was told that they had been 'lovin'.' The Bishop, somewhat astonished, asked for an explanation. 'Why, yer see,' said one of the men, 'one on us has fun' a kettle, and we been a tryin' who can tell the biggest lie to ha' it.' His lordship was shocked, and began to read the men a lecture, telling them that he had always been taught that lying was a great sin, and that, in fact, so strongly had this been impressed upon him that he had never told a lie in the whole course of his life. Hardly had his lordship finished when one of his hearers exclaimed, 'Gie the governor the kettle! gie the governor the kettle!'"

The Parliamentary correspondent of the *Auckland Evening Star*, describing the debate upon the Provincial Loans Bill, states while it was proceeding, "Mr Bathgate looked motherly and kind." Then when he spoke, "his speech was maternally expostulating and full of Scripture texts, and, although not intended, kept the House in a succession of peals of laughter."

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

DUNEDIN.

TUESDAY, 9 a.m.

An accident occurred to Cobb's Tokomairiro coach yesterday, about 2.30 p.m., near Serrogg's Creek, Taieri. The coach met a ginger-beer cart, the horse in which became restive and reared up. The rattling of the bottles frightened the coach-horses, and the leaders shied. The result was that the coach went over a bank six feet deep. There were seventeen passengers, several of whom were severely bruised. Mr M. Marshall, of Clyde, suffered most seriously, having sustained a fracture of the left arm near the shoulder. Mr Marshall's son also received some bruises.

Rain is again coming down very heavily, and it is reported that a large portion of the Taieri plain is under water.

St. John Brangan's funeral took place on Saturday, and was largely attended.

The Claid Hamilton arrived at Hokitika from Melbourne on Friday. On the 7th inst., she encountered a severe gale, and about 11 p.m. was struck by a heavy sea, which swept the decks, carrying away deck cargo, cabins, &c. Capt. Rouse was washed overboard and drowned.

Mr Pyke has given notice of motion in the House of Representatives for the reduction of the gold duty at the rate of fourpence per ounce annually.

The division on the third reading of the Provincial Loans Bill resulted in a majority of 28 in its favour, the ayes being 50, the noes only 22.

The Government have received a telegram from Mr Russell intimating that he has succeeded in making arrangements with the Hon. Samuel Saul for mail services via California in conjunction with New South Wales. The contractors are to receive a subsidy of

£80,000 per annum. The contract is to be in force for six years, thirteen voyages to be made annually. Each Colony is to pay half the subsidy. The mail steamer is to proceed direct to New Zealand and New South Wales alternately, transshipping mails for New Zealand or Sydney, as the case may be, at the Island of Kandaran.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

WELLINGTON.

SATURDAY, Sept. 13, 10 a.m.

A Bill has been introduced into the House of Representatives which will deprive Otago of its reserves for High, Grammar, and District Schools, and for Hospitals and Benevolent Institutions. There voted for its introduction—Bathgate, Reynolds, Macandrew, Cuthbertson, McGillivray, McGlashan, Mervyn, Shepherd, and Tolmie; against—Brown, Gilhes, Murray, Pyke, Reid, Tairaroa, Thomson, and Webster. The Bill is a gross treason and breach of faith with the Province.

Reynolds and Bathgate spoke strongly in favour of it. Macandrew and Cuthbertson did the lobbying.

The passage of the Bill through Committee will be delayed in the hope that every place in Otago will send protest by telegram.

QUARTZ MINING MEMORANDA.

CARRICK RANGE.

There is nothing particular to report from the Heart of Oak this week, except it be the fact that the claim will in future be under the supervision of Mr Samuel Williams, the manager of the Star of the East. The Oak company will, at any rate, enjoy the benefit of immensely superior direction to that which it has lately possessed.

The Star of the East company commenced crushing last Monday morning, but were unfortunately compelled to stop for a few days, on account of a breakage taking place in one of the joints of the new heater lately added to the machine. They are now crushing. They have a heap of stone lying in the mill-paddock of 250 tons. The reef discovered in the shaft sunk in the main drive still continues to improve in general appearance. It is about three feet thick, and has every indication of being a permanent reef; it prospects well and is nearly perpendicular. Cameron and party are pushing on the lower level.

The Elizabeth company have nothing new to report from the mine this week. They have secured the services of Mr R. Hawkes (late manager of the Colclough Co. at Bendigo) as manager of the machine. As an increased quantity of stone is being passed through the mill in consequence of the heavier stamps now in use, a larger yield may be looked for at next washing-up, which as usual will be about the end of the month.

The John Bull company have about 150 tons at grass, and could have more if arrangements could be made for crushing. They expect, however, to be able to start crushing within the next fortnight. They have five men at work just now, and intend putting more on when the crushing begins.

The *Caledonian*, the *Young Australian*, the *Royal Standard*, and *Hancock* and party (the *Pry Again* Co.), are all busy at work, sinking and driving. A road is being made also to the Vale of Avoca claim, to give it another trial this summer.

The road to Carrickton, and especially the upper portion of the road from Quartzville to Carrickton, which, for distinction sake, may be called the main road, is in a very bad state at present, rendering the carriage up and down of coals, quartz, &c., almost impossible. The portions of the road which were lately repaired under the direction of the District Engineer, are indeed the only portions which can be described as at all decent. Two men are now at work about half way between Quartzville and Carrickton; but two men are quite insufficient to overtake all that requires to be done. If the main road is bad, however, the branch roads to the various claims are simply horrible; that from Carrickton to the Elizabeth, Star, and Oak claims being about three feet deep in mud. The wonder is that the companies can persuade any sane man to carry coals or quartz to their machines at all.

BENDIGO.

The Aurora company, as reported last week, did retort on Tuesday, with a result, however, a little larger than had been anticipated. The quantity crushed was 131 tons, and the result was a cake a little over 123 ounces. It will be remembered that only 100 ounces were expected from 150 tons. The shareholders on this occasion—the first for a long time—rejoiced in a dividend.

The Cromwell company did not retort till Wednesday, in consequence of the bad weather which prevailed on Monday and Tuesday. Last week we reported that 350 ounces were expected, but the result in this case was beyond that, for it turned out 387 ounces. The company are again crushing on the same kind of stuff.

The Lucknow company have cut through the leader reported last week, and are continuing the drive in the direction of the main reef, which they hope to cut shortly. The rock continues very hard.

Work has not yet been begun in the old Morning Star claim,—in future to be known as the Reliance Q.M. Co.'s claim,—but we understand it will be very soon. From the splendid results lately obtained by the Cromwell company, this company's prospects are very highly thought of. One eighth share in it was recently disposed of for something about £24.6.

THE BLOCK IX. QUESTION.

So many differences of opinion have arisen and been expressed as to the proper method of dealing with the occupants of Block IX., that we deem it our duty to give a short summary of the facts of the case. It is more especially our duty at the present time because of the action taken by the Mayor and Councillors in memorialising his Honor the Superintendent, as may be seen in another column, to reduce Melmore Terrace to a uniform width of fifty-seven feet from the Bridge to Achil-street, in order to give those persons who are occupying any portion of Block IX.,—or rather of the street opposite to Block IX.,—a proper title to the ground so occupied. In the meantime we shall make no remarks as to the policy or impolicy of lessening the width of the main street for such a purpose. The subject is one which has often cropped up at election times, when all kinds of promises have been made, and all sorts of plans have been suggested for its settlement. But this is the first occasion on which the Council has fairly attempted to deal with it with a view to its final settlement: whether rightly or wrongly is a question on which, we think, some opinion should be expressed by the people interested in it,—that is, by all the citizens of the town, but more especially by those possessing freehold property on the Northern side of Melmore-street. For we are convinced that no favourable answer will be received to the prayer of the memorial till some indication of the feeling of the citizens is received by his Honor the Superintendent.

Those in favour of the proposed alteration in Block IX. go upon the principle, we presume, that it is better to lessen the width of the street in order to make the township more compact, and also to avoid the risk of causing pecuniary loss to those who have already erected buildings upon the ground; while those opposed to any alteration are so upon the ground that the purchasers of freehold property on the Northern side of Melmore Terrace brought on the faith that the land in front of them would for ever remain open, and, further, that no consideration is required for the interests of those now owners of buildings upon the street, because they built knowing the risk they ran, and therefore were prepared to take the consequences. Before adopting either of these conclusions, it is desirable that some of the facts of the case should be known. It will be seen that certain vested rights must be considered in dealing with the matter, so far, at least, as the Council is concerned.

The first encroachment upon what is now known as Block IX. but what really is the main street, was made by Mr R. Dagg, in the erection of a stable opposite his hotel,—whether with the permission of the Council or not we cannot say, but we believe it was. That was some time in 1869. On the 6th December of the same year, the Council granted Messrs Brown and Heron permission to occupy a site above that of Mr Dagg; on the 3rd of January, 1870, they granted 100 feet frontage to Mr Robert Kidd; on the 10th of the same month they granted sites to Mr W. Grant and Dr Corse; and on the 18th of the same month they received Mr Weaver's application in such a way as would lead us clearly to infer they meant to grant it if certain conditions were complied with. After this date, finding, we suppose, that it was not altogether profitable to keep on granting sites for nothing, the Council applied to his Honor to endow the municipality with the Reserve, "with the view," to use the then Town-clerk's words, "of the Corporation improving and embellishing the appearance of the town, in laying it out as a plantation, or otherwise as they may think advisable," it being, "in its present state, a great eyesore, &c., &c."—the writer of the letter evidently not being aware that he was applying, as before stated, for a portion of the main road, and not a reserve at all. To make confusion worse confounded, the Government granted what really was a reserve, stipulating very unnecessarily that no buildings of any kind should be erected upon it, but that it should be held sacred to the purposes of recreation. Since then—April, 1870—the Government have not been communicated with, and the evil has steadily been growing larger, no Council apparently being willing to meet the difficulty, till we have arrived at the present pass. A large number of buildings are now erected on the main road, and their numbers are steadily increasing from time to time. The owners have evidently some claim upon the consideration of the Town Council, and therefore upon the citizens. And now comes the question: Is their claim such as to demand the assistance of the Council in cutting off nearly half the width of the main road in order to enable them to secure Crown Grants to the portions hitherto occupied by them? That they have a claim, and that a very strong one, no one will, we think, attempt to deny;

but we also think the Council should try to get an expression of public feeling from the citizens on this subject. If it is in favour of the view adopted by the Council, their memorial will almost certainly be favourably answered; if not, perhaps some compromise might be suggested which would meet all the wishes of the occupiers of the so-called Block IX.

MEMORIAL.

The following is a copy of a memorial sent by to-day's mail from the Mayor and Corporation to his Honor the Superintendent:—

To his Honor the Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

The Memorial of the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of Cromwell,

Humbly sheweth:

1. That the street known as Melmore Terrace has for some years been encroached upon by the builders on sections on the South side thereof, and also by the persons who have erected houses on Block IX., Cromwell.

2. That your memorialists have given the matter their earnest consideration, and they approve of the following plan of dealing with the matter, as that which appears most desirable under the circumstances.

1st. That Melmore Terrace be reduced from the Cromwell Bridge to Erri-street to a uniform width of fifty-seven (57) feet.

2nd. That the present North and North-East line of Melmore Terrace remain undisturbed.

3rd. That the land withdrawn from Melmore Terrace on the South side, and opposite block IX., be added to the said block.

4th. That block IX., with the proposed addition thereto, be handed over to the Corporation as a reserve for purposes of revenue, or otherwise be subdivided into sections and sold.

Your memorialists therefore desire that your Honor will be pleased to give effect to their wishes in this matter; and they, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

Cromwell, 15th September, 1873.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

We take the following telegraphic items in connection with the above from late Dunedin papers:—

Wellington, Sept. 9.

Major Atkinson moved that the Gold fields Bill be discharged. Mr Pyke seconded the motion, saying that the Bill was utterly bad, and that the miners preferred the present law.—Mr T. L. Shepherd spoke against the discharge of the Bill. He said Mr T. B. Gillies believed there was no lawyer as good as himself. On a former occasion he had not spoken, but had allowed the sweet music of his laughter to be heard against the Bill; but now his snarling should not stop the Bill. The Bill had been drawn by an eminent lawyer. (Mr Gillies interjected that he had not laughed at the Bill, but at its advocate.) It was all very well for Mr Pyke to oppose the Bill. He was a new broom, and wanted to sweep clean, but all knew he was working to be Minister of Mines. The Bill had been prepared with care, and Mr Pyke need not expect a seven-days' member to be considered an authority on the wants of his constituency. Part of the Bill was similar to the Victorian law, and there were better lawyers in Victoria than in Auckland. The reason why Mr White wanted the Bill postponed was because he felt he was only fit for a delegate, and had not ability to look after his constituents' wants himself. It was disgraceful that the House should have tried for five years unsuccessfully to pass a good measure, and when one was brought in to reject it.—Mr Pyke said Mr Shepherd's constituents did not want the Bill. Mr Shepherd was not a new broom on the Dunstan, where the people knew him too well. It was enough for him to have anything to do with a Bill for them to dislike it. Even if the Bill were a good one, there was no chance of passing it under the care of Mr Shepherd, for the House had no sympathy with him.—Mr White said neither he nor the House paid much attention to what Mr Shepherd said. Mr Shepherd reminded him of the Tichborne Claimant. He claimed to be the Gold-fields' father, and to have a superior intellect, but no one else admitted it. He saw by the Bill that a Mining Registrar was to be appointed. Was that why Mr Shepherd supported the Bill? Had he received pay for preparing the Bill? He came to the House as a bleeding patriot of the miners, but he had no influence except with the Minister of Justice. That made him think the Minister had a vacancy in the upper regions.—Mr Vogel and Mr Macandrew denied that Mr Shepherd had received payment for preparing the Bill.—After further discussion, it was discharged from the Order Paper.

Mr Macandrew has introduced a Bill, setting aside land in Otago as a special security under the Provincial Loans Act. The object of the Bill is to enable the Province to construct the railway from Tuapeka to Cromwell, according to recommendation of the Provincial Council. [This Bill has passed virtually according to the telegram received by the Mayor.]

Mr Tolmie strongly opposed the Provincial Loans Bill, declaring it to be utterly unnecessary. As a proof of its probable effect, he pointed out that even before it got into Committee, Mr Macandrew, Mr Seymour, and Mr Fitzherbert had given notice that day of Bills to enable their Provinces to borrow under it. He thought over-legislation was the bane of the Colony, and unexampled prosperity would result if they would vote supplies for two years, and stop all legislation for that period. The Bill was a sham, and it was high time to stop indiscriminate borrowing.

KAWARAU GORGE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

September 13, 1873.

As I have no news of importance to chronicle this week, a slight resumé of the state of the claims here will not, I hope, be without interest. The mode of working is entirely confined to ground-sluicing, for the reason that the gold is distributed in different strata through the gravel, and a larger quantity of auriferous dirt can thus be washed than by any other means. There is no doubt, however, that as the ground gets worked further from the river, thereby losing fall,—which is the twin-brother of water in successful sluicing,—tunnelling will be resorted to as a more advantageous means of working the deeper layers. There are also several deep runs of ground,—old courses of the river,—which have been partly worked and abandoned years ago, which there is little doubt will pay well for tunnelling in a systematic manner. The great drawback is of course the scarcity of timber.

Mr T. Wilson is cutting a tail-race through worked ground on Gee's flat, which has already been in hand a long time (I believe more than two years), and is not nearly "in" yet; but I believe he has no doubt of getting well remunerated. It is intended for the top layers, but will also prospect an old river-course which runs through the flat, and in which some very good patches were discovered several years ago. Redhead and M'Minn have not yet commenced diverting the road off the ground they intend working this season. This is a heavy undertaking for the narrow strip of ground that is gained,—in some places not so wide as the new road they have to make, which, I suppose to encourage enterprise, has to be formed ten feet wider than any other portion of the road. Hansen and Hughes have washed up lately with a rather unsatisfactory result, which is partly to be accounted for by the bad state of repair into which the race (late Kitchingham and party's) has fallen. A. Olsen is tearing away any amount of ground into his new sluice, with what result is not known; but it is to be hoped that his pluck and enterprise in this heavy undertaking will be well rewarded; and if so, there will be plenty of ground on each side of him. Mention of other prosperous claims I must postpone till next week, having fear of too great an encroachment on your space.

DANNOCKBURN ENTERTAINMENT.

(COMMUNICATED.)

Reading an account of an entertainment is not unlike listening to an old miner or colonist giving a recital of his experiences in the ship he came out in. Generally speaking, people have become so familiar with such narratives, that they not infrequently peruse or listen to them with an air of listlessness or resignation. But, if these lines prove dull and uninteresting, the same cannot be said of the evening's amusement of which this is a description; for the pleasure-seeking folks who mustered so strongly on Friday night last at the Schoolroom, were liberally compensated for their visit there. The attraction which drew so many together was a piece written by Mr Richard J. Gee, an "Original Monologue Entertainment," entitled the "Seven Ages of Man." The performance was one of an unusual kind for this district; unusual, in the fact of an audience being agreeably entertained throughout the course of the whole of an evening by the unaided efforts of a single performer. To beguile one's hearers for such a length of time, and to keep them in a constant state of good spirits and merriment, must not only be an arduous task for any actor to accomplish, but plainly attests that he possesses considerable powers of pleasing, and sufficient vigour and address to exercise them effectively. Taking his cue from the melancholy Jacques, but displaying a thorough originality in the conception of the characters, Mr Gee depicted the different stages of life from infancy to second childhood in an exceedingly clever and commendable manner. With the exception of the plaintive story of "Poor Little Jem," which was given with touching effect, but little of the pathetic or sentimental was introduced, yet many a time during the evening scarcely a dry eye was to be seen amongst the audience. As a versatile humourist, Mr Gee was so irresistibly droll in holding the mirror up to nature, that the risible faculties of those present were provoked and protracted to that stage in which tears and laughter commingle. For the better delineation of the different parts he had to sustain, a number of songs were interspersed throughout the performance. They were chosen with a well-arranged consistency, so that the audience had to draw but little on their imagination for a complete apprehension of the characters the actor was portraying. One marked feature in Mr Gee's singing was, that he uttered the words of the various songs so that they could be understood. He does not mince and clip his words, or mouth them like a dog chewing a bone, as Churchill says, and as many popular vocalists do. He has a rich pleasing voice, with a very distinct articulation, and evinced considerable adroitness in varying and modulating its tones so as to suit and harmonise with the manifold representations he assumed. The difficulty of procuring appropriate costumes for giving the desired effect to the various impersonations, was effectually surmounted.

Much fun was created by the local news and songs, a sly rub being given to several of the notabilities and old identities, but in such a manner that no offence could be taken, even by the most fastidious and thin-skinned.

The intervals were enlivened by Messrs Moore and Peake, who also acted as accompanists during the evening. These gentlemen are always to the fore in giving their services, when they can be instrumental in conducting to the success of any undertaking for the furtherance of a worthy object.

It is a pity that some means cannot be found of arranging the lights so as to give the stage occupants an opportunity of reading the smallest print. The necessity of such a thing was painfully evident to the actor and musicians on Friday night last. The Committee might also leave a little less work on the hands of the person most likely to be censured should any hitch occur. But, fortunately, nothing occurred calculated to disappoint the wishes or expectations of those assembled. Their anticipations were more than realised, not even a fiddle-string becoming broken to disturb the harmony of the evening.

The night was wound up in the usual manner. A speedy removal of the seats and other movables left the boards of the Schoolroom clear for those inclined for a dance; and the strains of the violin and the tread of many feet might have been heard till far into the morning. The proceeds of the entertainment will be given in aid of the Dunstan Hospital, the actual amount not yet being ascertained.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

To the Editor of the CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—In consequence of the present unsatisfactory condition of the Block XXVII. and Block IX. difficulty, I have to ask you to give publicity to the enclosed resolutions tabled by me in the Municipal Council, but eventually withdrawn, or rather compromised, in consequence of pressure of circumstances.—I am, &c.,

W. GRANT.

(1) That it is desirable that this Council take immediate steps to have the width of Melmore terrace reduced throughout its whole length to a uniform width, by a line running 57ft. from and parallel to the survey-line on the Northern side.

(2) That the ground to be cut off from the street,—namely, 44ft. in width to the northward of section 1, block XXVII.—be added to block IX., and that the whole of the latter-mentioned block, as altered, be divided in such a manner that each of the buildings at present erected on block IX., or on the ground proposed to be cut off, or partly on each, shall be entirely on one section. The part not occupied by buildings to be divided in such manner as the Government deem most desirable.

(3) That the whole of the said block, when altered, be sold by the Government at auction to the highest bidder.

(4) That the ground to be cut off from the said Terrace to the Northward of the North boundary of block XXVII. be added to that block, and be divided into sections by producing the side lines of the present sections in block XXVII. to the new line proposed to be run.

(5) That the piece of ground thus proposed to be cut off be vested by the Government in the parties respectively owning the sections opposite to and adjoining the said pieces.

(6) That a memorial embodying the above proposed resolutions be at once prepared and forwarded to his Honor the Superintendent, praying him to give effect to the same.

THE ESCORT.

The Southern Escort, which arrived in Dunedin on Tuesday evening, took down the following quantities of gold:—

	ozs.	dwt.
Lawrence	1236	9
Wairopi	157	4
Waitahuna	249	3
Switzers	2000	0
Tokomairi	523	10
	4169	6
Northern Escort . .	6877	1
Total	11,046	7

A complimentary dinner was given to Mr R. Stout, M.P.C., by his Caversham constituents on Thursday evening, the 4th inst. From the report of his speech in reply to the toast of his health, we make the following extract:—"During last session, one thing was developed in the Council which has never been witnessed in the Council before. I refer to a most pernicious system that cuts at the root of any deliberative system, namely, government by caucus. Matters even of the most trivial import which were brought before the Council were considered at caucus meetings. The Government, instead of proclaiming boldly their policy, and saying that its adoption was necessary to the interest of the Province, held meetings of their supporters; they then came to the Council, and said in effect, 'We have, or have not agreed to this; and if you don't vote for it, we shall resign.' That is certainly a most pernicious system, and, were there time, I could take up various matters, and show clearly how various questions were by that means harked. By such means the Council was not treated fairly, because I hold one of the most important functions of a Provincial Council is for the members to let in a flood of light, as it were, even upon the most trivial subjects, so that nothing may pass the Council until every member understands what he is voting for, and not follow blindly the dictations of either the Opposition or the Executive—(applause)—so that every member may be enabled to give an unbiased and unprejudiced vote, whether in the interest of party or not; and I say that this Government by means of caucus meetings, those continual threats of resignation, stopped discussion, and absolutely negated one of the most important functions of the Council."

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The third meeting of the Council was held on Thursday evening, 11th inst. There were present, - the Mayor, Mr Fraer, and Councillors Dawkins, Grant, Shanly, Hayes, and Pierce. The meeting was opened punctually at 8 o'clock.

The minutes of last general meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Inward correspondence was read. It consisted of letters from District Surveyor in re map of the township furnished by him, and offering to furnish plan of permanent levels as required for the sum of £42 2s.; from Chief Postmaster, Dunedin, acceding to request of the Town Council in the matter of the mail service; from the Commissioner of Police in re the appointment of Inspector of Nuisances and Collector of Taxes; and from C. Colclough, resigning his position as Auditor. There were also two tenders received, one for painting, and one for fencing-in the Town-hall.

It was ordered that the District Surveyor's letter stand over for further consideration; that the letters from Commissioner of Police and Chief Postmaster be suitably acknowledged; and that the resignation of C. Colclough, as auditor, be accepted, and proper steps taken to elect his successor. The Town-clerk was also requested to write the Mayors of Queenstown, Naseby, and Lawrence in the matter of the mail service; and to ask the Chief Postmaster to change the postal name of the town from Kawarau Junction to Cromwell.

A draft memorial to his Honor the Superintendent in re the lessening the width of the main street was then read and approved of. It was ordered to be prepared and forwarded.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts from W. Ward (race), R. Inglis (graveling), the Auditors, and Matthews and Fenwick (printing), were passed for payment. E. Lindsay's was ordered to be referred to Public Works Committee. W. Stewart's account for £28 10s. was passed provisionally.

TENDERS.

Mr K. Protsch's tender for painting Town-hall was accepted: amount, £5 8s.
Mr W. Stewart's tender for fencing-in Town-hall was accepted: amount, £17.

REPORT.

The Finance and Legislative Committees were not prepared with their report on the bye-laws. They, however, reported that they had obtained copies of the bye-laws in force in several other Municipalities, and would be prepared to fully report at next meeting.

POSTPONEMENT OF MOTION.

By permission of the Council, Cr. Dawkins was allowed to postpone his motion regarding the keeping of pigs in the township, of which notice was given at last meeting, till next meeting.

The usual vote of thanks concluded the proceedings.

WARDEN'S COURT.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

(Before W. Lawrence Simpson, Esq., Warden.)

APPLICATIONS.

Extended Claims.—Samuel Halcrow's application for two acres in Bailey's gully was granted. —Wat Tine and three others were granted four acres at Nevis.

Tail Race.—Wat Tine and three others were granted a tail race from their extended claim.

Water Race.—Isaac Escott and five others were granted one sluice-head from Hatter's gully, and one sluice-head from two miles below the Parkburn.

Dam.—John Werner and another's application for a dam at Reef gully was granted.

Residence Areas.—Jesse J. Barker's application for residence area on Cromwell-Dunstan road, near Cromwell, was granted.—The Quartz Reef Point applications were again postponed.

Cancellation.—On the application of James Robertson and others, certificate No. 2390, dated 13/2/73, was cancelled.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1873.

(Before W. Lawrence Simpson, Esq., R.M.)

JOHN PERRIAN v. HUGH HUGHES.—Debt: £32 1s. 3d. Judgment was given for the amount claimed, with costs of Court; failing payment, distress; failing distress, imprisonment in Dunedin gaol for three months.

M. MARSHALL v. J. MARSHALL.—Claim, £4 6s. Settled out of Court.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH v. EDWARD MURRELL.—Claim of £15, amount of dishonoured acceptance. From the evidence given in this case, it appeared that one Smythies had given Murrell an acceptance at six months for the sum of £15. Some time before the acceptance came to maturity, Colclough discounted it, paying Murrell £13, by cheque. When the discounting transaction took place, some understanding was arrived at that Colclough should, failing the acceptance being duly honoured, sue Smythies, and obtain judgment for the £15; Murrell, on his part, agreeing to withhold Colclough's cheque till such judgment was obtained. The acceptance was not honoured, whereupon Colclough sued Smythies and obtained judgment; and Murrell duly presented and obtained cash for Colclough's cheque. The judgment against Smythies was never satisfied, however, and Colclough now sues Murrell, as drawer and endorser of the bill. Defendant pleaded that Colclough, as a matter of fact, had discounted the bill after it had been dishonoured, and that he had received a consideration for taking the whole risk of the bill, viz., the sum of two pounds.

His Worship reserved his decision in the case till next court-day.

The Shah of Persia.

Speaking of the Shah of Persia, the *Times of Germany* says:—He has no idea whatever of European court etiquette, nor even of ordinary politeness. One day at Berlin he kept the special train which was to take him to Potsdam—where a review was to be held in his honour—waiting for three-quarters of an hour. The Empress was at the station at the appointed time—twelve; but his Oriental Highness only arrived at a quarter to one, and seated himself in the saloon carriage without a word of apology. It is said that at the Victoria Theatre, Berlin, he spat on the pit from the private box; and that instead of taking the tea which was brought him out of a cup, he held the teapot in both hands and drank out of the spout. His Majesty, it seems, was highly pleased with the ballet, and on being taken behind the scenes he pinched the arms of the ballet-girls and patted their cheeks. One day some of his attendants were discovered forcing a sheep into the private apartments of the palace. Upon an interpreter being fetched it was ascertained that the Shah never ate any meat unless it was slaughtered in his presence. So the sheep was carried upstairs into the elegantly-furnished saloon which his Majesty occupied, and there killed. To watch his Oriental Majesty eat is most amusing. One day he absorbed a half-pound pat of butter on the table, in a very short time, by sticking his royal fingers into it, and then sucking them. At the end of last week the Shah arrived at Wiesbaden, accompanied by his suite, and, contrary to all expectation—for it was stated that all the women were sent back to Persia from Moscow—by three wives, who were closely veiled. His Majesty had no trunks with him, but a number of bundles, all his clothes being tied up in large silk handkerchiefs. He travels with five horses, whose tails and manes are dyed green and red. The Shah of Persia is like a man who is bored to death, and there is no doubt but what he is. It must be confessed that the Court has never harboured a more peculiar guest, nor one who left behind him more disagreeable recollections. It is true, indeed, that he showed a little regard for the personages who had distinguished themselves by some brilliant action. Thus he condescended to shake hands with the Crown Prince, Prince Bismarck, and Count Moltke, whereas he passed haughtily and without saying a word by the other princes who were presented to him, because in his eyes they were too much beneath him.

Putting up a Stove.

Putting up a stove is not so difficult in itself. It is the pipe that raises four-fifths of the mischief and all the dust. You may take down a stove with all the care in the world, and have your wife put away the pipe in a secure place, and yet that pipe won't come together as it was before. You find this out when you are standing on a chair with your hands full of pipe and your mouth full of soot. Your wife is standing on the floor in a position to see you, the pipe, and the chair; and here she gives utterance to those remarks that are calculated to hasten a man into the extremes of insanity. Her dress is pinned over her waist, and her hands rest on her hips. She has got one of your hats on her head, and your linen coat on her back, and a pair of your rubbers on her feet. There is about five cents' worth of pot-black on her nose, and a lot of flour on her chin, and altogether she is a spectacle that would inspire a dead man with distrust. And while you are up there trying to circumvent the awful contrariness of the pipe, and telling her that you know some fool has been mixing it, she stands safely on the floor and bombards you with such domestic mottoes as: "What's the use of swearing so?" "You ain't got any more patience than a child." "Do be careful of that chair." And then she goes off, and reappears with an armful more of pipe, and before you are aware of it she has got that pipe so horribly mixed up that it does seem that no two pieces are alike. You join the ends, and work them to and fro, and take them apart again and look at them. Then you spread one out, and jam the other together, and mount them once more. But it is no go. You begin to think the pieces are inspired with life, and ache to kick them through the window. But she doesn't lose her patience. She goes round with that awfully exasperating rigging on, with a length of pipe under each arm, and a long-handled broom in her hand, and says she don't see how it is some people never have any trouble in putting up a stove. Then you miss the hammer. You don't see it anywhere. You stare in the pipe and along the mantel, and down on the stove, and off to the floor. Your wife watches you intently, and is finally thoughtful enough to enquire what you are looking after, and on learning, pulls the article from her pocket. Then you feel as if you could go out of doors, and swear a hole twelve feet square through a block of

brick buildings, but she merely observes, "Why on earth don't you speak when you want anything, and not stare like a dummy." When that part of the pipe which goes through the wall is up, she keeps it up with her broom while you make the connection, and stares at it with an intensity that is wholly uncalled for. All the while your position is becoming more and more interesting. The pipe don't go together, of course. The soot shakes down into your eyes and mouth, the sweat rolls down your face and tickles your chin as it drops off, and it seems as if your arms are slowly but surely drawing out of their sockets. Here your wife comes to the rescue by enquiring if you are going to be all day doing nothing, and if you think her arms are made of cast-iron, and then the broom slips off the pipe, and in her endeavour to recover her hold she jabs you under the chin with the handle, and the pipe comes down on your head with its load of fried soot, and then the chair tilts forward enough to discharge your feet, and you come down on the wrong end of that chair with force enough to bankrupt a pilo-driver. You don't touch that stove again. You leave your wife examining the chair and bemoaning its injuries, and go into the kitchen and wash your skinned and bleeding hands with yellow soap. Then you go down the street after a man to do the business, and your wife goes over to the neighbours with her chair, and tells them about its injuries, and drains the neighbourhood dry of its sympathy long before you get home.—*Danbury News.*

A New Casabianca.

The man looked at his boy proudly, sternly, sorrowfully. The lad looked into his father's face sadly, exultingly, heroically. It was a living tableau no artist could reproduce. "Billy," said the father, gravely, "I took your mother and sister to church yesterday."—"Yes, sir."—"And left you to see to the things."—"Yes, sir," replied the boy, gazing out through the window at the flicker as it hatched down the gatepost, and finally dropped into the grass with a shrill chirp. "And you didn't water the pigs?"—"O-o-o! Oh sir! Gerooty! Oh me! Lawsy, lawsy me!" The slender scion of an apple tree rose and fell in the hand of Mr Conlter, and up from the jacket of the lad, like incense from an altar, rose a cloud of dust, mingled with the nap of jean. Down in the young clover of the meadow the lark and sparrows sang cheerily, the gnats and flies danced up and down in the sunshine, the fresh soft leaves of the vines rustled, and all was merry indeed. Billy's eyes turned up towards the face of his father in appealing agony, but still with a sharp hiss the switch cut the air, falling steadily and mercilessly on his shoulders.

And along the green banks of the river the willows shook their shiny fingers at the rising fog, and the voices of children going to school smote the sweet May wind. "Oh pap, I'll not forget pigs no more!"—"Spect you won't, neither." The wind by a sudden puff lifted into the room a shower of white bloom petals from a sweet apple tree, letting them fall gracefully upon the patchwork carpet, the while a ploughman whistled plaintively in a distant field. "Ouch! Crakee! Oh, pap, pap!"—"Shut your mouth or I'll split you to the backbone." How many delightful places in the wood, how many cool spots beside the murmuring river, would have been more pleasant to Billy than the place he then occupied! "Oh, me, oh, me!" yelled the lad. Still the dust rose and danced in the slanting jet of sunlight that fell across the room, and the hens out in the barn cackled and sang for joy over new eggs hidden in choice places. At one time during the falling of the rod the girl quit washing, and thrusting her head into the kitchen said, in a subdued tone, "My land, ain't Bill getting an awful one?"—"You're mighty right," replied the mother solemnly. Along towards the last, Mr Conlter tiptoed at every stroke. The switch actually seemed through the air as it fell. Billy danced. "Now go, sir!" cried the man, tossing the frizzled stump of the gad out of the window; "go now, and the next time, you water them pigs." And, while the finch poured out a cataract of melody, he went. Poor boy! that was a terrible thrashing; and to make it worse it had been promised to him the evening before, so he had been dreading it and shivering over it all night. Now, as he walked through the breakfast-room, his sister looked at him in a commiserating way, but on passing through the kitchen, he could not catch the eye of his mother. Finally he stood in the free, open air, in front of the saddle-closets. It was just then a speckled rooster on the barn-yard fence flopped his wings and crowed vociferously. A turkey cock was strutting upon the grass by the old cherry tree. Billy opened the door of the closets. "A boy's will is the wind's will, and the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts." Billy peeped into the closet, and then cast a glance about him, as if to see if any one was near. At length, during a pleasant lull in the morning wind, and while the low tenderly-mellow flow of the river was distinctly audible, and the song of the finch increased in volume, and the bleating of new lambs in the meadow died in fluttering echoes under the barn, and while the fragrance of apple blossoms grew fainter, and while the sun, now flaming just above the eastern treetops, launched a shower over him from head to foot, he took from under his jacket, behind, a double sleepskin, which, with an ineffable smile, he tossed into the closet. Then, as the yellow flicker rose rapidly from the grass, Billy walked off, whistling the air of that once popular tune: "Oh, give me back my fifteen cents."

Mr T. L. Shepherd's Pet Lamb.

We take the following from the *Wakatipu Mail*:—Mr Thomas Luther Shepherd has a friend in Wellington who appears very anxious that the hon. member and his actions should receive full publicity in these columns, and to that end he telegraphed us the following on Monday last. It is questionable whether the poetic effusion is worth the money paid for it, but our readers can judge for themselves. The rhyme is said to have been circulated in Wellington and the House, and is entitled, "The Destruction of the Gold Mining Bill".—

The "Smiler" came down like a wolf on the fold,
All bunkum and trash, with a bill about gold,
And deluded constituents thronged to behold,
When away with the "Claimant" the steam packet rolled.

As a lord of creation, so buoyant and keen,
The "Smiler" at sunrise so happy was seen;
Like the ghost of vexation, (so changed was his tone),
That man, in the evening, sat silent and lone.

And there lay the Bill, cast for ever aside,
The hope of the "Smiler," his strength and his pride.
It's Shepherd was absent, on billiards intent,
Forgetting the mission on which he was sent.

And there sits the "Smiler," now purple, now pale,
As he thinks what the papers will make of the tale.
The tables are silent, the cup left alone,
The Bill is refolded, its trumpet unblown.

And the diggers of Dunstan are loud in their rail,
The clouters of Tinkers shall ne'er cease to wail.

And the Nasehyites know, and have cause to remember,
This curs'd Bill has melted like snow in December.

VARIETIES.

The "Kiss Quadrille" is the fashionable dance in Washington this winter. In "swinging corners," each gentleman kisses his partner. It is said to be a very agreeable dance.

A lady wished a seat. A portly, handsome gentleman brought one and seated the lady. "Oh! you're a jewel," said she. "Oh! no," he replied; "I'm a jeweller; I've just set the jewel."

A Quaker having sold a fine-looking but blind horse, asked the purchaser, "Well, my friend, dost thou see any fault in him?" "No," was the answer. "Neither will he see any fault in thee," said Broadbrim.

Explaining the meaning of the word phenomenon, a lecturer said, "A cow is not a phenomenon, nor is an apple tree; but when you see the cow go up the tree, tail foremost, to pick apples, that will be a phenomenon."

"I wish you would not give me such short weight for my money," said a customer to a grocer, who had an outstanding bill against him. "And I wish you wouldn't give me such long wait for mine," replied the grocer.

British Nimrod (who has shot tigers in India and lions in South Africa): "The fact is, Herr Muller, that I don't care much for sport unless it contains the element of danger." German Nimrod: "Ach so! you are vont of taincher? Den you should come and shoot mit me! Vy, only the other tay I shoodel my broder-in-law in de shodemag!"

The quiet progress of a wedding in a Connecticut village church, recently, was interrupted by an amusing incident. In repeating the words, "If you know of any just cause," &c., the minister looked straight at a young man directly in front of him. The fellow sprang up with much haste and trepidation, and blurted out: "Oh, no, bless me; not the slightest objection, sir."

A Quaker traveller, arriving at an inn, called for some porter, and observing the pint deficient in quantity, thus addressed the landlord: "Pray, friend, how many butts of beer dost thou draw in a month?" "Ten, sir," replied Boniface. "And thou wouldst like to draw eleven if thou couldst?" rejoined Ebenezer. "Certainly!" exclaimed the smiling landlord. "Then I will tell thee how, friend," added the Quaker, "fill thy measures."

At a religious gathering in Chicago, a few years since, one of the speakers was the venerable Dr Goodell. Broken in mind and body, but animated by the occasion, the aged clergyman said: "Friends, I am far upon my journey toward the Celestial City; but I could not help stopping on my way to attend this meeting in Chicago." Here a voice from the multitude was heard by all: "Chicago is not on that road." The effect was electrical, especially upon the poor old gentleman, who was so confused that he could say no more, and was obliged to sit down.

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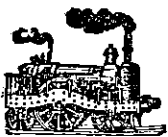
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